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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Shizuo Manabe

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Art Unit: 2628

For: OPTIMUM CHARACTER STRING PLACING  
PROGRAM

Examiner: J. C. Wang

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated June 8, 2010 of the Examiner rejecting claims 1 and 4-10.

Pursuant to practice and procedures within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, any previously paid appeal fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §41.20 for filing a notice of appeal, filing an appeal brief, and requesting an oral hearing (if applicable) will be applied to the new appeal on the same application as long as a final Board decision has not been made on the prior appeal. M.P.E.P. §1204.01.

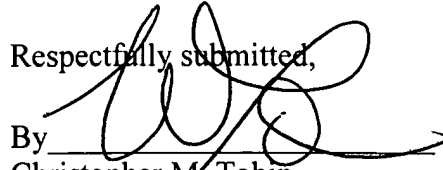
Please apply the amount of **\$270.00** as a Small Entity Fee that has **already been paid** on September 4, 2009 for this Notice of Appeal.

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees.

Dated: November 8, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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